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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1641**  
Docket No. CDS-221

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Applicants: Thomas J. Mercolino et al.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

This paper is being submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003 in the above-captioned application. The three-month date for responding to the Office Action was August 5, 2003. This amendment is filed with a Petition and Fee for an Extension of Time for a period of three (3) months. With this Extension of Time, the amendment will be due on November 5, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period.

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Amdt. Dated November 4, 2003

Reply to Office Action of May 5, 2003

The following amendments are made pursuant to the requirements of Revised Amendment Practice, 37 CFR 1.121 - Final Rule effective July 30, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.